



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERAGENCY

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 1

Sherwin Fire Update **August 5, 2008 (8:00 PM)**

Sherwin Fire	Location: Mammoth Lakes, California – 2 miles southeast of town		
Acres Burned:	347	Structures Threatened:	30
Containment:	40%	Structures Destroyed:	0
Fire Started:	August 3, 2008 11:45 a.m.	Injuries:	1
Cause:	Human, remains under investigation		
Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 588			

Summary

On Sunday August 3rd at approximately 1145 AM, the Sherwin Fire started in the Sherwin Lakes area 2 miles southeast of Mammoth Lakes. Firefighters on the ground from multiple agencies went into action with support from fixed-wing and rotary wing aircraft to suppress the fire. Wind has caused the fire to spread in a north east direction away from the town of Mammoth Lakes.

The fire was human caused and remains under investigation. If anyone was in the Sherwin Lakes area on Saturday or Sunday, August 3rd and has any information, you're asked to call the U.S. Forest Service fire investigator Paul Meyers at (760) 924-5536.

Evacuations remain in effect for the Sherwin Creek Campground, Laurel Springs Camp, and the YMCA camp. Sherwin Creek Road remains closed as well as wilderness trailheads at Convict Lake, Sherwin Lakes, Valentine Lake and Laurel Pass. No wilderness permits are being issued for these trailheads.

The fire burned actively within its interior throughout the day but did not significantly increase in size (the majority of the size increase is due to more accurate mapping). Crews were able to make good progress building line in critical fire perimeter areas. Weather remains a concern with thunderstorms moving through the area. Very little rain is expected with possible strong wind gusts and increased chance of lightning strikes.

The incident command post is located at Mammoth High School. Agencies assisting the USFS on the fire include CAL FIRE, Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, Long Valley Fire Department Protection District, Mono County Sheriffs Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, CHP, and the city of Mammoth Lakes.

Contact: Fire Information (760) 934-8054

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Information is also available at www.inciweb.org reference Sherwin Fire